

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE RUN BY PRIVATE AGENCIES—PARTICULARS OF

338. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the number of industrial schools in the State run by private agencies recognised by Government ;
- (b) of them, how many institutions receive aid from Government ;
- (c) on what basis is aid granted to them ;
- (d) whether Government insist upon the managers of these institutions to disburse a minimum pay to the teachers employed in these institutions ;
- (e) whether the qualifications of such teachers have not been prescribed by Government ;
- (f) whether the industrial stipends granted by Government are denied to students attending the industrial schools run by private agencies ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development) :

- (a) 23 including 2 orphanages.
- (b) 20.
- (c) Lump sum grant at the rate of Rs. 10 per teacher.
- (d) Yes. The Department insists that at least a pay of Rs. 10 should be paid.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) Industrial stipends have not been paid to any student in any aided industrial school ever since the commencement of the Industries Department.

AUDIT—ACCOUNTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

339. Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether there has been any audit of the accounts of the Agricultural Department either during the current year or last year ;
- (b) whether any case of defalcation of public funds has been detected as a result of the audit referred to above ; and if the answer is in the affirmative ;
- (c) the extent of the amount involved in the defalcation and the name of the person responsible for the defalcation ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development) :

- (a) A special audit of the Veterinary Department that is under the Director of Agriculture was conducted this year. It started on 23rd Mithunam 1116/7th July 1941 and ended on 22nd Kanni 1117/8th October 1941. The audit of the Agricultural Department proper till the end of 1115 has been completed ; it was done in Dhanu of the current year.
- (b) The special audit of the Veterinary Department was started on suspicion of irregularities. Orders have not been passed on the audit report, and hence it cannot now be stated with exactitude.
- (c) Please see answer to sub-division (b).

COIR YARN DEPOT, MATTANCHERI—PARTICULARS REGARDING

340. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the present stock of coir yarn in the Government Coir Depot at Mattancheri ;
- (b) the quantity of coir yarn sold by the depot during the last one year ;
- (c) the gross income of the depot for the last one year ;
- (d) the expenses in running the depot during the last one year ;
- (e) the number of aided Rural Development Co-operative Societies in the State in which coir manufacturing is undertaken ;
- (f) the average monthly output of coir yarn in all these societies put together during the last one year ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development) :

- (a) 114 candies on 14th Meenam 1117.
- (b) 734 candies 6 maunds and 2½ lbs.
- (c) Rs. 2,202—4—4.
- (d) Rs. 3,342—4—3.
- (e) Ten.
- (f) 100.5 candies.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura) : In view of the fact that the expenditure is more than the income, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of any retrenchment ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): I think it must be due to the realisation of this fact that the present manager of the depot is paid a lesser salary and there is an idea of doing away with one or two posts in the depot.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: കയർ വ്യവസായികളുടെ രക്ഷക്കുവേണ്ടി ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതല്ലേ ഈ ഡെപ്പോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കയർ വ്യവസായികളായ ചില്ലറക്കാരെ സഹായിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടി തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഇത് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ആദായത്തെ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചോ, കയർ വ്യവസായികളുടെ ഇണഞ്ഞെ കരുതിയോ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ചില്ലറ വ്യവസായികളുടെ ഇണത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ്. പക്ഷെ ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു നഷ്ടം വരുത്തി ചെയ്യാൻ തരമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: നഷ്ടം വരികയാണെങ്കിൽതന്നെയും സഹായിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയല്ലേ അത് ഇതുവരെ നിറുത്താതെ വെച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിൽനിന്നും തെളിയുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അത്രത്തോളം ആദായം അതുകൊണ്ടുണ്ടാകുമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: മാക്കറാ് ലവൽ ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഒരു സ്ഥാപനം വേണമെന്നു ഭേദിച്ചല്ലേ ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതും ഒരു കാരണമാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ സ്റ്റൂളിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സംഖ്യ മുടക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത് ആദായമുണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നുഭേദിച്ചാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ വിദ്യാലയത്തിന്റെ കാര്യവും വ്യവസായത്തിന്റെ കാര്യവും തമ്മിൽ താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ പാടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ സ്റ്റൂളിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് നഷ്ടമാണോ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ സ്റ്റൂൾ കൈത്തൊഴിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കുവാനായിട്ടു നടത്തുന്നതാണ്. അല്ലാതെ ആദായത്തിനല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഈ വ്യവസായം ആദായത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയാണോ തുടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ആദായമില്ലെങ്കിലും നഷ്ടത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയല്ല തുടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്നറിയാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: നഷ്ടം എത്രത്തോളം സഹിക്കേണ്ടിവന്നാലും അതു നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാനാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റാലോചിക്കേണ്ടത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അത് എത്രത്തോളം സഹിക്കാമെന്നാണ് ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതു്. സഹിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത നഷ്ടമാണുള്ളതെങ്കിൽ നിറുത്തേണ്ടിവരും.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: എത്ര ഉറപ്പികവരെ നഷ്ടം സഹിക്കാമെന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അത് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഇതുവരെ ആലോചിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura): Is the depot receiving all the coir manufactured in these societies?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): It is seen that the depot has dealt with only 734 candies of coir. But the output of the 10 societies together per annum comes to more than this. Evidently they are not receiving all the coirs manufactured in these societies.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura): Have the Government instructed these societies to take these coirs to the Government depot?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): We have not done anything of that sort. Is it advisable to instruct the societies? The idea of the Government is only to find facilities for marketing the produce.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura): If the idea is only to give facilities for a market, will the Government be pleased to see that the depot is run without any loss.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): It is being tried. In the initial stages I hope this House will realise that some loss is inevitable.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know to what extent the Government have been able to retrench by reducing the staff now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): The former manager was being paid Rs. 75 per mensem. But the present manager is paid only Rs. 60.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): What is the rent the Government are paying for the depot?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): The rent is Rs. 75 per mensem.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Have the Government enquired whether such a big building is necessary for housing this depot at present. When I went there to pay a visit I saw many rooms vacant.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): That will be considered.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin-Christians-Mattancheri*): May I know, Sir, whether there is a supervisor who is paid Rs. 30, and will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to recommend to abolish the post in view of the present condition of the depot?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes and I am considering that question.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): May I know, Sir, whether the depot is working properly after changing the management?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): I think the Hon'ble member knows that it is not up to the mark. The present manager is trying to do it properly.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): Last year there was an average sale of 114 candies and the average sales at present have been 160 or 165.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is an improvement.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): May I know, Sir, what percentage of the coir stocked this 734 candies represent?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): I am not in a position to state the percentage.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know, Sir, whether this is considered as a business proposition?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): The inference is clear.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Have the Government considered the necessity of this depot when they saw such results?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): All these aspects were considered and Government came to the conclusion that it was necessary in the interests of small manufacturers.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): May I know, Sir, whether there are any other small manufacturers of coir in the country?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. Nothing prevents them from taking their articles to the depot.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): The practice is that they do not take the articles to the depot because they get better market elsewhere.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is the very idea of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Trichur-North*): It controls the price so that the merchants may not offer any fancy prices.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Does this depot influence the price? Have you been regulating the prices by the existence of the depot or have you been paying the market price to the societies?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): At the market rate.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): The prices have been fluctuating up and down. Was that in any way influenced by the existence of the depot?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): At least in the case of these small manufacturers it has had some levelling influence.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): There are hundreds and thousands of small manufacturers of coir and the coir trade is not limited to this 734 candies. It is over 7,000. So that the whole of these little manufacturers of coir have been selling their goods in the market. Have you been influencing the market in any way by the existence of this depot?

Mr. President: That question has been answered once.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know whether the Government had an idea of opening branch depots in rural places?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : The Government have no such idea at present.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*) : Do the Government think that the starting of a Central Depot at Mattancheri will facilitate the small dealers in the rural areas ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : That was the idea of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*) : How many other coir purchasing depots exist in the vicinity of this depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : There must be many. Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*) : Has not Mr. B. M. Peter opened a depot very near to this depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin-Christians-Mattancheri*) : We were given no facilities. So I started a depot.

COIR DEPOT, MATTANCHERI—PARTICULARS OF

341. Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin-Christian Mattancheri*) : Will Government be pleased to say.—

- (a) who is the present manager of the Government Coir Depot at Mattancheri ;
- (b) what is his salary ;
- (c) what is the monthly sales of the depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) :

- (a) Mr. P. A. Zainuddin, Nachea Veedu, Kochangadi, Mattancheri.
- (b) Rs. 60 per mensem.
- (c) The average monthly sales are 70 candies (in 1116) and 48 candies (in 1117).

WATER LORRY—KUNNAMKULAM

342. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) when was a water lorry purchased for use in Kunnankulam, by whom and at what cost ;
- (b) who is in charge of the lorry at present ; when was it taken charge from the Chief Engineer and by whom ;
- (c) when was the driver appointed and by whom ;
- (d) what is his pay and who holds the post at present ;
- (e) will Government be further pleased to print and place on the Table of the House copy of the communication, dated 3rd October 1941, P-5-3352/17 of the Huzur Office to the Kunnankulam Town Council with regard to the appointment of the driver and also copy of the letter (dated 25th Kanni 1117) from the Kunnankulam Town Council to the Huzur in reply thereto ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) :

(a) One 1940 model Austin two-ton motor lorry fitted up with fire fighting equipments for Kunnankulam was purchased in September 1941 at a cost of Rs. 6,790 by the Chief Engineer.

(b) This was taken charge of by the President, Kunnankulam Town Council on 13th September 1941.

(c) In November 1941 by the Government, on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board.

(d) Rs. 25 per mensem. V. Rajagopala Marar.

(e) These communications form part of inter-departmental correspondence only and are of no public importance. They cannot, therefore, be placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnankulam*) : May I know whether the Government is aware that there was another lorry ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) : I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnankulam*) : Whether the Government will be pleased to enquire what was the pay of the then driver ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnankulam*) : I may be allowed to state with the leave of the President that it was under the management of the Commissioner of Police and only a constable was appointed as driver. I may also state that the water lorry is not there now.